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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, FEBRUARY 11

1. NYT (PAGE 16) DAVID SHIPLER REPORTS THAT US RADIATION REPORT HAS CAUSED CONCERN AMONG OTHER DIPLOMATS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WHO FEAR THEIR EMBASSIES MIGHT HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEMS.

2. NYT (PAGE 17) CHRISTOPHER WREN REPORTS PRAVDA ACCUSED WESTERN CRITICS OF DISTORTING SOVIET ECONOMIC SITUATION AND PARTICULARLY ITS AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS IN WAKE OF ITS WORST HARVEST IN A DECADE. ALSO WP

3. NYT (PAGE 33) BRIEF AF ITEM FROM CANARY ISLANDS SAYS SPANISH-SOVIET TRADE COMPANY, SOVHISPAN, ANNOUNCED IT WOULD BUILD 1.8 MILLION DOLLAR COMPLEX TO SERVE SOVIET FISHING VESSELS BASED IN THE ISLANDS. ALSO STAR
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4. WP (PAGE 16) PETER OSNOS REPORTS FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY'S SHIFT FRUSTRATES SOVIETS AND IS CLEARLY A SET-BACK FOR THE KREMLIN.

5. WSJ (PAGE 24) JOHN VALENTINE SAYS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT IS BACKING AWAY FROM ITS LOW ESTIMATE OF SUGAR PRODUCTION IN SOVIET UNION AND, UNLIKE EARLIER ESTIMATE,

RUSSIA MAY NOT HAVE TO BUY ANY SUGAR IN THE WORLD MARKET.

6. STAR (PAGE 1) HENRY BRADSHER REPORTS ON LIBRARY OF CONGRESS STUDY THAT GROWING SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH IS OUTCLASSING U.S. AND THIS, IN TURN, HAS CAUSED NEW

LOOKS AT DETENTE.

7. STAR (PAGE 6) UPI FROM MOSCOW REPORTS WORKMEN HAVE BEGUN INSTALLING WIRE MESH SCREENS ON U.S. EMBASSY WINDOWS, APPARENTLY TO SHIELD DIPLOMATS AND FAMILIES FROM MICROWAVES. INGERSOLL

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